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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1656

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For: **RECOMBINANT SP-A FOR THE TREATMENT OR PREVENTION OF
PULMONARY INFECTION AND INFLAMMATION**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark
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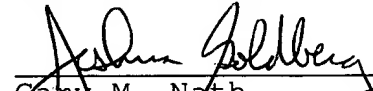
- 1) Transmittal Letter;
- 2) Response and Amendment; and
- 3) Appendix A.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated February 2, 2006. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expires May 2, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 6, 8, 12-13, 15 and 17 and cancel claims 5, 10-11 and 16 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, as outlined in Appendix A attached herewith.